

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 STATE 037433 TOSEC 020094
ORIGIN NODS-00

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /001 R

DRAFTED BY D:WCHRISTOPHER

APPROVED BY D:WCHRISTOPHER:JH

S/S - MR. GAMBLE

-----180113 086264 /70

O 180048Z FEB 77 ZFF4

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO USDEL SECRETARY IMMEDIATE

S E C R E T STATE 037433 TOSEC 020094

NODIS

CHEROKEE: FOR THE SECRETARY FROM CHRISTOPHER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS)

SUBJECT:AMBASSADORIAL BOARD/INDIAN MATTER/BIG FOUR

1. GOVERNOR ASKEW TODAY GAVE THE PRESIDENT A FULL REPORT ON THE PROCEDURES BEING FOLLOWED BY THE ADVISORY BOARD ON AMBASSADORIAL APPOINTMENTS, AND THE PRESIDENT WAS IMPRESSED WITH THE THOROUGHNESS OF THE PROCESS. ASKEW INDICATED THAT THE BOARD IS PREPARED TO PRESENT ITS RECOMMENDATIONS ON SIX AMBASSADORIAL POSTS, AND HE GAVE THE PRESIDENT A PARTIAL PREVIEW. THE PRESIDENT SAID THAT HE WOULD PREFER TO DEFER CONSIDERING ANY SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS UNTIL YOUR RETURN NEXT WEEK. ASKEW CONCURRED AND SAID HE HOPED THE BOARD WOULD HAVE RECOMMENDATIONS ON TWELVE ADDITIONAL COUNTRIES AFTER ITS MEETING ON FEBRUARY 26-27. THE PRESIDENT DESCRIBED THE FORM IN WHICH HE WANTED TO RECEIVE WRITTEN RECOMMENDATIONS, AND SAID THAT A WORKING SESSION WOULD BE SCHEDULED WITH YOU AND ASKEW AFTER HE HAD A

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 STATE 037433 TOSEC 020094

CHANCE TO REVIEW THE WRITTEN RECOMMENDATIONS.

2. OUR CHARGE IN NEW DELHI HAS NOT GIVEN US HIS INTERPRETATION OF WHAT THE INDIANS MAY BE HOPING FOR, AS OUR REACTION TO THE SENSITIVE MATTER THERE. THE OPTIONS AS TO OUR POSSIBLE RESPONSE ARE RATHER BROAD, AND WE WILL WANT TO CONSIDER THEM CAREFULLY. THE INDIANS HAVE NOT ASKED

FOR ANY IMMEDIATE RESPONSE FROM US, AND I THINK THIS
MATTER CAN SAFELY AWAIT YOUR RETURN.

3. ART HARTMAN MET TODAY WITH REG HIBBERT, POLITICAL
DIRECTOR OF THE FCO. HIBBERT BROUGHT ART THE MESSAGE THAT
HE AND THE FRENCH AND GERMAN POLITICAL DIRECTORS HAD AGREED
THEY WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE THE PROCEDURE OF PERIODIC UN-
PUBLICIZED MEETINGS WITH US TO DISCUSS SENSITIVE POLITICAL
SUBJECTS. ART EXPLAINED THAT IN TERMS OF SUMMIT PREPARA-
TIONS, HENRY OWEN IS IN CHARGE FOR US AND HIBBERT WOULD
MEET HIM AT LUNCH TOMORROW. HIBBERT EMPHASIZED THAT, RE-
GARDLESS OF SUMMIT PREPARATIONS, THE FOUR SHOULD CONTINUE
TO MEET AT THIS LEVEL. ART AGREES, AND HE IS WORKING OUT
WITH OWEN AN ARRANGEMENT BY WHICH THIS GROUP CAN CONTRI-
BUTE TO SUMMIT PREPARATIONS. HE IS ALSO WORKING OUT
ARRANGEMENTS TO ENSURE THAT THE GROUP CONTINUES ITS MEET-
INGS BEYOND THE SUMMIT. IN ANY CASE, IT WILL BE NECESSARY
FOR SUCH A GROUP TO PREPARE FOR THE TRADITIONAL GATHERING
OF THE FOUR FOREIGN MINISTERS ON THE EVE OF THE NATO MINI-
STERIALS TO DISCUSS BERLIN AND RELATED MATTERS. THE NEXT
MEETING OF THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS GROUP IS TENTATIVELY
PLANNED FOR MARCH 21 IN LONDON.

HARTMAN

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: BRIEFING MATERIALS, PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS, AMBASSADORS, BERLIN QUADRIpartite MATTERS, CAT-C, CHEROKEE 02/18/77
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 18-Feb-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977STATE037433
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: WCHRISTOPHER
Enclosure: TOSEC 20094
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: P840072-1486
Format: TEL
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770226/aaaaaxhy.tel
Line Count: 86
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 3d937cc4-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ORIGIN NODS
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: NODIS
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: NODIS
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 04-Feb-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3279697
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: AMBASSADORIAL BOARD/INDIAN MATTER/BIG FOUR
TAGS: OVIP, OGEN, PGOV, IN, (VANCE, CYRUS R)
To: SECRETARY
Type: TE
vdkgvkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/3d937cc4-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009